

1 are you going to alter the training technique that is
2 listed in slide 102 to reduce complications when mere
3 mortals try to do the surgery?

4 Slide 102 lists a number of objectives
5 from training, most of which I believe are already, as
6 I peripherally understand it, part of the ARTISAN
7 training program. Can you tell me how you are going
8 to change the training?

9 DR. STULTING: I'm not exactly sure that I
10 understood the question. Could you repeat it?

11 DR. VAN METER: Yes, sir. On slide 70 you
12 mentioned that proper training will reduce the
13 incidence of complications. Slide 102 you list the
14 training proposal but, as I understand it, this
15 training proposal is pretty much how training has
16 existed for ARTISAN investigators.

17 DR. STULTING: I don't think -- there is
18 no question that this surgery is different from what
19 ophthalmologists are used to performing as you could
20 see from the video clip. There is bimanual dexterity
21 that is involved. It's a little bit greater than the
22 bimanual dexterity that we are used to having in other

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1 procedures that we perform. That will have to be
2 taught.

3 As a result of the clinical trials, there
4 are techniques that we have learned that need to be
5 taught perhaps differently, emphasized differently
6 than were done in the clinical trial. We think that
7 those will be possible to teach and that, I guess what
8 you said was, mere mortals will be able to perform
9 those techniques.

10 After all they do in the rest of the world
11 outside the United States using the data that we
12 showed you from Market Scope with implantation of
13 phakic IOLs. This is the most common phakic IOL that
14 is implanted outside of the United States where
15 ordinary surgeons have a choice of intraocular lens
16 implants to use and this is what they choose to use.

17 We think that the experience that we have
18 had has made us better at picking out skills that we
19 need to teach and in recognizing methodologies that
20 can be taught to improve the performance and that's
21 what we've learned from the clinical trials.

22 We would prevent all complications from

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1 the lens? Probably not. We still see complications
2 from cataract surgery and other procedures that we
3 perform. I don't think technique will be any
4 different but I think that the risks are well worth
5 the benefit.

6 DR. VAN METER: Thank you.

7 DR. STULTING: May I pass the mike off to
8 Dr. Thompson?

9 DR. THOMPSON: Just a quick comment. I
10 consider myself a mere mortal and I get way more
11 stressed out going into cataract surgery than I do
12 going into doing ARTISAN. I have not found the
13 training to be difficult. Approximately after five
14 implants I had a nice comfort level so I do not think
15 we are going to have a hard time getting
16 ophthalmologists comfortable with this procedure.

17 DR. WEISS: Dr. Smith.

18 DR. SMITH: Janine Smith. I wanted to
19 echo Dr. Bandeen-Roche's concerns regarding any data
20 you might have on differences in the cases of patients
21 that had gradable specular images for the endothelial
22 cell counts.

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1 I wonder if you have any data on the
2 proportion of eyes that have gradable specular images
3 in the 12 sites that had the Konan microscope? So
4 that's one, the proportion. The second is could you
5 identify any difference between the cases and people
6 that had gradable images and the ones who didn't.

7 My concern is from my experience with that
8 particular instrument which has issues that I'm sure
9 we'll talk about later, it happens to be the corneas
10 that have some abnormality that it is much more
11 difficult to get good images in so you can understand
12 why this might be an important question.

13 DR. STULTING: I appreciate the comment
14 and made note of it and we'll try to address it. I
15 can tell you from having looked personally at many of
16 the images that were obtained during the first part of
17 the study the problem with the images wasn't that
18 there were very few cells, large cells, and unusual
19 cells with Gute and other abnormalities. The problem
20 was focusing, properly counting and whatnot. They
21 were technical problems but I've made note of the
22 question.

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1 DR. WEISS: Dr. Huang.

2 DR. HUANG: I have some concerns about the
3 safety and efficacy for this procedure in the low
4 myope patient. As we all know, there are many
5 refractive surgery options for the patient with low
6 myopia nowadays. I'm just wondering that in the low
7 myope patient with slightly shallow anterior chamber
8 is the safety equity maintained and achieved in the
9 efficacy of this procedure? Is it just as effective
10 or as safe as some other existing procedures?

11 DR. STULTING: That's a good question and
12 a good consideration. We looked at endothelial cell
13 losses in patients who had more narrow anterior
14 chamber than those who had deeper chambers and didn't
15 find a correlation with that.

16 Having said that, I appreciate your
17 concern. The sponsor believes that this is a
18 technology that should be made available so that it
19 can be used at the discretion of the well-trained and
20 discriminating refractive surgeon.

21 With the information in hand and the
22 proper training, that surgeon can make a reasonable

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1 decision about what is the best technology to offer
2 the patient. It's possible that a low myope may do
3 better with an intraocular lens implant because of his
4 corneal anatomy.

5 Perhaps it's someone who has questionable
6 form fruste keratoconus and the surgeon doesn't want
7 to take a chance on getting ectasia postoperatively.
8 In that particular case the balance may fall toward an
9 intraocular lens implant when for the routine patient
10 with low myopia a corneal procedure may be most
11 appropriate.

12 DR. WEISS: Thank you. We have one
13 question from Dr. Macsai and we have one from Ms. Such
14 and we'll do those two and then we'll conclude this
15 portion.

16 Dr. Macsai.

17 DR. MACSAI: On the panel someone had
18 asked about the endothelial cell counts in the
19 patients that had their implant repositioned, etc. I
20 was wondering if you could give us the endothelial
21 cell data on the entire Group E because I did not have
22 that to review prior to this meeting and I would like

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1 to see the consistent cohort within Group E, the
2 entire Group E. I think that is incredibly important
3 because, as Dr. Van Meter stressed, we are mere
4 mortals and what happened in that group is important.

5 DR. STULTING: I'll add my name to the
6 list of mere mortal ordinary surgeons. To address
7 your question, let me make note of that and see if we
8 can get data for you when we come back.

9 DR. WEISS: Glenda.

10 MS. SUCH: Glenda Such here. Aside from
11 thanking Dr. Weiss for bringing up the concern about
12 what activities besides boxing and basketball or
13 whatever a consumer might want to avoid doing, I
14 believe during one of the discussions from the
15 presenter we heard that nighttime activities that
16 would be affected aside from having starbursts and
17 halos during driving, one of the presenters actually
18 had said the word newspaper print. I was wondering
19 what other types of activities or type of events
20 you've actually noticed being hindered by this lens
21 with low illumination?

22 MR. MCCARLEY: We haven't had any reports

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1 as the sponsor from a site or from a patient that they
2 have been hindered in a nighttime activity from having
3 glare or halos or starbursts or any other visual
4 effect.

5 MS. SUCH: Not during driving either?

6 MR. McCARLEY: That's correct. None that
7 inhibit them from doing that.

8 DR. WEISS: One question in terms of the
9 induced astigmatism, Doyle. You had mentioned that
10 this was most likely from the wound. I assume corneal
11 topographies were done to just confirm that anyone
12 with astigmatism or maybe in some patients that,
13 indeed, it was wound induced?

14 DR. STULTING: Corneal topography was not
15 part of the protocol.

16 DR. WEISS: Okay. So it was sort of more
17 the assumption or it went along with the refraction
18 where the astigmatism was and where the wound was
19 placed?

20 DR. STULTING: Right. We have refractions
21 before and after and vector analyses to look at the
22 astigmatic change from one to another.

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1 DR. WEISS: And the astigmatic change
2 would be consistent with the placement of the wound or
3 did anyone -- is this just an assumption or did anyone
4 actually look at it?

5 DR. STULTING: We didn't look at it
6 probably in a sufficiently organized way to really
7 address that.

8 DR. WEISS: Okay.

9 DR. STULTING: I think it was sort of
10 believed that the investigators were sufficiently
11 familiar with wound placement for cataract surgery
12 that they understood what it would do.

13 DR. WEISS: Thank you. I want to thank
14 the sponsor and we are now going to go on to the FDA
15 presentation.

16 DR. TOY: Good morning, panel members.
17 I'm Jeff Toy, the team leader for this PMA P030028,
18 phakic IOL for the correction myopia. The sponsor has
19 already given an excellent introduction of the results
20 and a description of the device so I only have two
21 slides to add.

22 This first slide is just to acknowledge

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1 the PMA review team. They did a good job of
2 expediting the review of this PMA. The team members
3 are Don Calogero, Carol Clayton, Gerry Gray, Susan
4 Gouge, Sue Jones, Bernard Lepri, T.C. Lu, Elizabeth
5 Riegel, and Pam Reynolds.

6 Second slide is just the order of speakers
7 for FDA presentation. Dr. Lepri will be first and
8 giving summary of the clinical results and posing the
9 question to the panel, and Dr. Gray will be second
10 with the statistical analysis of the endothelial cell
11 count. Thank you.

12 DR. WEISS: Thank you, Dr. Toy.

13 Dr. Lepri.

14 DR. LEPRI: Good morning, members of the
15 panel, FDA colleagues and guests. In my presentation
16 this morning I will just present to you some
17 highlights that you will need for consideration for
18 making your recommendations today.

19 This panel has specific goals to achieve
20 today and those will be for us to assess, evaluate,
21 and identify. We'll be assessing the risks and
22 benefits and evaluating the effectiveness and safety

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1 outcomes presented by the sponsor and the PMA and
2 their presentation here today.

3 Some of the risks that we've identified
4 are operative and postoperative. Operative risks may
5 include improper enclavation leading to surgical
6 repositioning, wound leakage, infection, induced
7 cataract and/or corneal damage due to surgical trauma.

8 Postoperatively one may see elevation of
9 IOP inflammatory responses, the potential for
10 pigmentary glaucoma as a result of iris irritation,
11 critical losses of corneal endothelial cells and
12 function, retinal detachment and dismemberment of the
13 IOL itself with concomitant optical side effects such
14 as glare and halos, etc.

15 Correction of high refractive errors
16 without the optical limitations imposed by spectacles
17 and the complications of long-term wear contact lenses
18 is perhaps the major benefit for the patient, while
19 reversibility and expanded options for treatment of
20 high-refractive errors benefit both the practitioner
21 and the patient.

22 I'm going to give you a capsule view of

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1 the effectiveness and safety outcomes that were
2 presented here today. Under effectiveness some major
3 highlights are UCVA, BSCVA, predictability of RSE, and
4 the stability of the MRSE.

5 Uncorrected visual acuity of 20/20 or
6 better was achieved by more than 30 percent of the
7 overall treated subject population at one, two, and
8 three years. UCVA of 20/40 or better were achieved by
9 greater proportions ranging from 84 percent up to 87
10 percent over the three-year period reported in the
11 study.

12 As one would expect, BSCVA shows that at
13 least 79 percent have 20/20 or better and essentially
14 100 percent had BSCVA of 20/40 or better in the
15 overall treated population. The ARTISAN showed a high
16 degree of predictability in targeting refractive
17 correction. At least 72 percent were within a half
18 diopter of intended correction and 94 percent and
19 higher were within 1 diopter.

20 At present refractor procedure stability
21 is determined by evaluating the proportion of eyes
22 that show variability in refraction no greater than 1

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1 diopter between consecutive visits and refractions at
2 least three months apart and mean differences of less
3 than .5 diopter over a yearly interval.

4 The ARTISAN study population showed 95 to
5 98 percent were within 1 diopter of refractive change
6 between consecutive refractions and mean differences
7 in refraction ranged only from -.02 to -.05.

8 Safety issues where the BSCVA, which was
9 already discussed, induced astigmatism, cells and
10 flare, corneal edema, increased IOP or glaucoma,
11 cataracts, and endothelial cell loss and corneal
12 compromise.

13 Induced astigmatism of 2 diopters or more
14 was reported in proportions ranging from two percent
15 to 3.5 percent and the established target for
16 refractive procedures has been set for less than 5
17 percent. The rates of inflammatory responses
18 postoperatively were in the expected ranges that one
19 would expect for this type of surgery.

20 While there were several reports of
21 elevated IOP none persisted beyond 20 days post-op and
22 were secondary to either postoperative steroid

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1 treatment or a few cases of incompletely aspirated
2 viscoelastic. The cases that require short-term
3 treatment all responded adequately.

4 While there were 49 lens opacities
5 reported in the study only four were visually and
6 clinically significant. The others were due to
7 careful observations on the part of the investigators
8 identifying normal age related changes in the
9 crystalline lens. And of the visually significant
10 cataracts three required extraction and the fourth one
11 resulted in a loss of two lines of BSCVA but, to the
12 best of my knowledge, was not worse than 20/40.

13 While there were no cases of actual
14 corneal compromise reported during the investigation,
15 endothelial cell loss changes were reported during
16 both the short term in the domestic study and in the
17 scant but long-term data from the European study. Dr.
18 Gray will present the detailed analysis of these
19 changes following my presentation.

20 I'm going to ask you to identify
21 thresholds of critical inclusion criteria to minimize
22 risks and perhaps the population it may benefit most.

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1 With considerations for the outcomes presented to you
2 by the sponsor here today and in the PMA, the panel
3 will be asked to make these recommendations regarding
4 patient selection criteria, the risk benefit ratio of
5 this device, and its associated surgical procedure and
6 to establish criteria for product labeling if approved
7 for marketing.

8 The use of phakic IOLs for the correction
9 of refractive errors shows concern for the long-term
10 effects upon the integrity of the corneal endothelium.

11 The entry criterion established by this sponsor at
12 the inception of this study was a minimum pre-op cell
13 count of greater than or equal to 2,000 cells.

14 On the next slide and on slide 32 I need
15 to make a correction. The mean pre-op starting is
16 2,754 and not 2,500 as on the copy of the slides that
17 you have in front of you.

18 The sponsor's response to FDA's challenge
19 of endothelial cell change data outcomes resulted in
20 the sponsor's development of the charts you see
21 presented here in this slide. Assuming a baseline
22 cell count of 2,754 cells and assuming linear loss

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1 over time, the sponsor shows that after 30 years the
2 cell count may drop to 1,272 cell per millimeter-
3 squared. Of course, it is important for us to keep in
4 mind the large margin of error viewed by spectral
5 microscopy and the mathematical assumption of
6 linearity and cell changes over time in these
7 calculations.

8 The very nature of endothelial cell
9 examination and change is affected by many variables.

10 One variable identified in this study was anterior
11 chamber depth. While the same size was low, it is
12 particularly relevant to the ARTISAN lens its position
13 in the anterior chamber and one can see from the six-
14 month post-op period to three years for the seven eyes
15 having anterior chambers ranging from 3.0 to 3.2 mm
16 that there was an estimated cell loss of 8.99 percent.

17 The ARTISAN also offers two models whose
18 optic sizes vary. They are 5 mm and 6 mm and relate
19 to the patient's pupil sizes. The relevance of these
20 optic sizes is related to performance in low-light
21 environments and the potential for symptoms and
22 complaints of glare and halos that may impact

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1 functioning such as in nighttime driving. The sponsor
2 presented the outcomes of patient satisfaction by
3 questionnaire responses for our consideration.

4 The implied refractive benefits of the
5 ARTISAN have already been discussed here today and are
6 directly related to the targeted refractive range.
7 You will recall that only a small percentage of eyes
8 were treated below -8 diopters of myopia.

9 I am not going to present the questions
10 now. We will present the actual questions to you
11 following Dr. Gray's presentation of the endothelial
12 cell data. Thank you.

13 DR. WEISS: Thank you, Dr. Lepri.

14 DR. GRAY: Good morning. My name is Gerry
15 Gray and I'm going to discuss the results from the
16 endothelial cell counts in this study. I'm the team
17 leader for the Cardiovascular and Ophthalmic
18 Statistics Team. This submission was mainly reviewed
19 by a member of our team, T. C. Lu.

20 Just a synopsis of what we're going to be
21 talking about here. The purpose of the endothelial
22 cell count is to investigate the effects of the device

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1 on the endothelial cells through time. We have
2 endothelial cell counts and measurements from specular
3 microscope photographs. There are multiple images for
4 eye after all 2,000. We have counts at baseline six
5 months one, two, and three years.

6 As you've already heard in some detail
7 from the sponsor, there was a very large variability
8 in the initial set of data and so images were reread
9 as possible and the net result is we have 353
10 available eyes from reliable machines that were
11 recounted in one reading center. That was a total of
12 1,144 actual observations eyes by visit. As a
13 statistician I need to point out that we don't have
14 any control group here so it's very difficult to
15 evaluate the results without an actual control.

16 So there is no control and the question is
17 what do we compare these results to? We want
18 reasonable assurance that the endothelial cell density
19 is preserved. The normal loss due to aging is
20 apparently around 0.6 percent per year. The point for
21 concern appears to be around 1,000 to 1,200 cells per
22 millimeter-squared.

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1 There are several sources of guidance or
2 preliminary guidance and they are all written in terms
3 of trying to place an upper confidence limit on this
4 rate of loss. The FDA draft guidance and the
5 discussion from this panel several years ago set an
6 annual rate from three months to three years, an upper
7 90 percent confidence limit of 1.5 percent.

8 The ISO and ANSI documents are not
9 actually, I don't think, written in terms of standards
10 for acceptable rate of loss but those both suggest you
11 calculate a sample size for this kind of study using a
12 2.0 upper 90 percent confidence interval.

13 Here is a visual representation of the
14 data that we do have from a recount study. Each
15 vertical bar is one of the visit, base line six
16 months, one, two, and three years. The green
17 indicates that we have actually a count in that time
18 and the white indicates we don't.

19 Individual eyes can be read horizontally
20 across here. Here on the bottom are the 57 eyes that
21 were measured at all time points. There were 126
22 extra eyes that had a baseline measurement and by the

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1 end there is actually 50 of them left here so there's
2 107 eyes that have both base line and three-year
3 measurements.

4 Then there's a fairly large portion of
5 eyes, 170 right here that have no baseline
6 measurement. Then you can see these numbers indicate
7 the number of people that started in at those various
8 points in time.

9 A couple of comments on this graph. This
10 is not the normal pattern. We are used to dealing
11 with

12 -- this is not the normal pattern of missing we see
13 where initially everyone has a baseline and people
14 drop out through time.

15 This is somewhat unusual because we have
16 this very large group that actually doesn't have
17 measurements at the beginning. That was, I'm pretty
18 sure, due to the fact that the study was sort of given
19 a lot more importance part way through. Initially we
20 don't have baseline measurements for these people.

21 Another comment that I want to make that
22 came from the discussion, the earlier questions, the

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1 question of is there a bias problem because perhaps
2 some of the measurements are thrown out because they
3 were low. The question is how is that going to change
4 the rate of loss through time if there's a bias?

5 What I want to point out is that if
6 there's a bias, there's more people missing here at
7 the beginning than there are at the end so I'm not
8 sure if there's a bias how it would affect any kind of
9 results we have here today. I think that's an
10 unanswerable question.

11 This is a plot of the actual data that we
12 do have, the 1,140 observations from 353 eyes and the
13 blue line just connects the means at each time point.

14 The red line across the bottom, just for your
15 reference, is 1,200 cells per millimeter-squared.

16 Now, what we're interested in is the
17 steady state, if you want to call it that, the long-
18 term loss that we can expect to see. That estimate
19 depends on a lot of things. It depends on the model
20 that we use, whether we account for an initial
21 operative loss or not so the function of formal use,
22 whether we use the baseline in the end or some form of

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1 regression, the cohort we use, the details of the
2 statistics.

3 As an aside, it's not entirely clear to me
4 that natural loss for untreated patients is actually
5 steady state either. That further complicates any
6 kind of extrapolation you want to make.

7 All that aside, there's really not that
8 much variability in the estimates of long-term loss
9 from these data. The sponsor presented an annual loss
10 of 1.7 percent based on 183 eyes but had a baseline
11 count. That calculation is based on a regression that
12 includes the baseline. A 90 percent confidence
13 interval for that is 1.3 to 2.1 percent.

14 An alternative that I think might be
15 slightly better uses all the data that we do have and
16 tried to account for the missing using something
17 called multiple imputation. That actually gives a
18 fairly similar result, 1.8 percent annual loss, 90
19 percent confidence interval 1.3, 82.2 percent. Both
20 of these estimates account for correlation within
21 patient in a reasonable way.

22 Here are the results from the best, the

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1 1.8 percent loss per year. If you actually pull out
2 the other one on top of this, the lines are virtually
3 superimposed. It looks almost the same, 1,200 cells
4 per millimeter still there as a reference.

5 Now, of course, this is what we have so
6 far for three years and what you really are concerned
7 about is what happens in 10, 20, 30, or 40 years so we
8 want to do some extrapolation if we can. Before we do
9 that, it's my duty to remind you that we are trying to
10 -- it's always a questionable exercise to extrapolate
11 and we are trying to extrapolate 10 times the range of
12 the data that we do have.

13 All that being said, though, probably some
14 type of -- you have to make some extrapolation to make
15 a judgment, either formally or informally. If we do
16 it formally, it's very dependent on the model we use
17 and the assumptions we want to make, is it linear,
18 exponential, whatever kind of decay.

19 The problem is with only three years of
20 data we can't really distinguish between these models.

21 There's no way of telling what happens if things
22 change in 10 years. Because of that I think you also

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1 should really consider if it's necessary to obtain
2 good long-term data and how you might want to go about
3 that.

4 One more thing. We do have some
5 additional long-term information that has been
6 referenced previously. The sponsor has provided
7 additional four-year data on 27 patients who showed a
8 1.63 percent loss between three and four years. Then
9 there is some additional long-term information from a
10 19-patient European cohort.

11 Basically the same follow-up is in this
12 study but there is an additional point t 10 years.
13 For those patients their mean counts went from 2,666
14 to 2,180 at 10 years. That's an 18.1 percent decrease
15 over the 10-year period. Six percent of that was in
16 the first six months.

17 That translates into annual rates that you
18 see down here at the bottom, 1.2 overall. The rate
19 between six months and three years was actually fairly
20 high, 2.9 percent, and the rate between three years
21 and 10 years is actually fairly low, 0.7 percent. You
22 can make what you will of that.

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1 After we got all the caveats and other
2 data aside, here is a picture of the linear
3 extrapolation that you would produce using the 1.8
4 percent loss per year. On the graph are also
5 confidence limits, the dash lines of the confidence
6 limits on the regression and the dotted lines are the
7 confidence limits for predicting an individual.

8 You can see there is a fair amount of
9 variability and what really matters is right from here
10 there is a fair amount of variability in this
11 direction. In other words, the variability and the
12 time the person might take to reach 1,200 cells per
13 millimeter-squared. All this, of course, still
14 assumes that whatever happened in the first three
15 years is going to continue linearly for the next 37.

16 Using a linear model we can actually --
17 and using the rates of loss that we get based on the
18 estimates we produce we can produce a table that shows
19 the years until predicted 1,200 cells per millimeter-
20 squared. You can see of you start out at 2,000 cells
21 then after 12 to 17 years, depending on how cautious
22 you want to be. you are going to be at around 1,200.

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1 If you start out with 3,200 cells, then
2 you have maybe 30 or 40 years until you reach 1,200.
3 Again, this all should be taken with a grain of salt
4 because it's an extrapolation and there is a fair
5 amount of error.

6 Maybe a little more important than the
7 average cell loss through time is a question of how
8 are the individual patients faring here. In other
9 words, what proportion of the patients are going to
10 show a cell loss that's greater than some critical
11 amount. Another way to ask that is what proportion of
12 patients are going to have cell densities less than
13 1,000 to 1,200 in 10, 20, or 30 years.

14 Again, it's hard to answer with much
15 confidence because now we're not just extrapolating
16 the mean. We are trying to extrapolate the
17 percentiles. We want to know what's the lower 10
18 percent of the patients and where are they going to be
19 in 10 years.

20 The best I can think of with the data we
21 have is to take all the patients that we actually
22 have. We can actually fit a regression. We have more

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1 than two observations on them, more than two follow-up
2 visits. We can fit a model that actually gives each
3 of them the possibility of having their individual
4 rate of loss.

5 The model actually is called random
6 effects regression. What it does is assumes that the
7 losses come from some normal distribution so the rates
8 of loss are coming from a common distribution. That's
9 what you see here. These are the results. The dark
10 lines indicate the 1.5 and 2.0 percent losses. You
11 can see that most of them are below 1.5.

12 So also using that same histogram we can
13 save the percentage of patients with annual losses
14 worse than a particular amount what can we expect.
15 Using these data and this model you can say that
16 probably 5 percent of the patients are going to have
17 losses of 2.2 percent or more, 99 percent of 1.5
18 percent or more.

19 Again, I need to give some comments on
20 these estimates because they are fairly highly
21 dependent on the model used to arrive at the
22 individual patient estimates. The model, on the one

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1 hand, reduces the variability because it shrinks the
2 estimates. The estimates for each patient are moved
3 toward the overall mean so that reduces the
4 variability and that would tend to make this number a
5 little bit smaller.

6 On the other hand, the annual loss in this
7 model where I didn't do the imputation was a little
8 bit higher so that would tend to counteract that to
9 some degree. This is the most I can give you right
10 now.

11 Just to summarize, if I can, in one slide,
12 the estimated annual loss is apparently about 1.8
13 percent per year with a 90 percent confidence interval
14 1.3 to 2.2. For individual patients maybe a third of
15 them have annual rates of loss more than two and five
16 percent have rates of loss more than 2.2. Again, it
17 is necessary to do some form of long-term
18 extrapolation but you need to try to interpret that
19 with whatever amount of caution you want to put into
20 it. Thank you.

21 DR. LEPRI: Okay. I'm going to present
22 question 1 to you and then there are several slides of

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1 background data that you need for consideration. You
2 have the copies in front of you. I'm able to put all
3 of those charts into a slide form so you may want to
4 refer back and forth to them.

5 The first question is:

6 1. Do the endothelial cell data presented
7 above by overall analysis, stratified by anterior
8 chamber depth and the extrapolations over time provide
9 reasonable assurance of safety of the ARTISAN myopia
10 lens?

11 Here is the data that was presented and
12 the hardcopy questions that you have in front of you.

13 The first slide shows the estimated changes in cell
14 loss at six months, one year, two years, and three
15 years. The standard deviations, errors, and
16 confidence limits.

17 The next piece of information that you are
18 to use is the percent change from baseline. It shows
19 also for the intervals of six months through three
20 years. The percent change by period, the difference
21 between six months to one year, one year and two
22 years.

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1 In this slide it shows that in a paired
2 analysis the percent change calculated between
3 baseline and three years post-op was -4.76 percent
4 with a standard deviation of 7.8 percent. When
5 analyzed by interval one can see that losses appear to
6 be higher between the second and third postoperative
7 years.

8 The sponsor did show that when they
9 eliminated the one site, that all had the specular
10 microscopy done with the same device, when they had
11 changed employees midstream during the study when they
12 removed that data out, that dropped from -2.37 percent
13 to minus 1.68 percent.

14 DR. WEISS: I would just request whoever
15 has the cell phone if they could silence it forever.
16 Thank you.

17 DR. LEPRI: The next slide shows the
18 endothelial cell count change over time from baseline
19 stratified by anterior chamber depth for the 3.0 to
20 3.2 mm anterior chamber depth. You can see the
21 changes over time. Even though the ends are small,
22 there is no statistical significance to this but we

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1 want it for consideration for potential trend.

2 The next slide is endothelial cell count
3 changes from six months to three years stratified by
4 all of the anterior chamber depths in the study. The
5 last slide is the subjects with three and four-year
6 follow-up having that mean ECC at pre-op of 2754 with
7 an end of 27 to show what their changes were from
8 three to four years.

9 2. Do the other data presented in the PMA
10 outside other endothelial cell data provide reasonable
11 assurance of safety? Those are to be considered as
12 two separate issues.

13 This is the background for Question 3. The
14 proposed statement of indication reads: "The
15 reduction or elimination of myopia in adults with
16 myopia ranging from greater than -5 to less than -20D
17 with less than 2D of astigmatism at the spectacle
18 plane; Patients with documented stability of
19 refraction for the prior six months, as demonstrated
20 by a spherical equivalent change of less than or equal
21 to 0.50D."

22 3(a). Does the panel recommend any

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1 modifications to the proposed statement of indications
2 with respect to:

3 a). minimum anterior chamber depth;

4 b). maximum pupil size (the 2 models of the
5 ARTISAN are intended for patients with pupil sizes up
6 to 5.0 mm and up to 6.0 mm; and

7 c). minimum preoperative endothelial cell
8 density? The outcomes of ECC changes reported in the
9 background data for question No. 1 above should be
10 referenced if the panel wishes to recommend an
11 acceptable minimum endothelial cell density to qualify
12 a patient.

13 4. Do the panel members have any additional
14 labeling recommendations?

15 DR. WEISS: Thank you very much. We are
16 actually doing fairly well on time so what I would ask
17 is if the -- I hear chuckles. I guess usually we
18 haven't been in the recent past. What we're going to
19 do is if the FDA could perhaps entertain some
20 questions before lunch and I'm going to ask if anyone
21 from the panel has any questions.

22 DR. BRADLEY: I have a quick question for

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1 Dr. Gray.

2 DR. WEISS: By the way, I wanted to thank
3 Dr. Gray for that wonderful first slide showing where
4 people fell out in terms of participating and not
5 participating in specular microscopy because that
6 really just clarified things amazingly.

7 DR. BRADLEY: Dr. Gray has presented a
8 similar presentation some time ago, if I recall, to
9 this group. In both presentations you have admonished
10 us to be very aware of the shortcomings of
11 extrapolation. In spite of that, we go ahead and
12 extrapolate primarily because most of us are not very
13 sophisticated. I think you always give us a linear
14 model which we can sort of understand because we can
15 all draw a straight line with a rule.

16 But in the end, from my perspective as a
17 scientist not involved in this field, I just find
18 myself incredibly uncomfortable with this
19 extrapolation and I wondered do you know of any data
20 from some other product, other condition that
21 indicates that the pattern of cell loss seen in the
22 first three years is, in fact, continued on in a

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1 linear way over five, 10, 15, or whatever years? I
2 don't know this field at all and maybe you could help.

3 DR. GRAY: Well, first of all, you might
4 have noticed that I said in this presentation that
5 some amount of extrapolation is necessary to make a
6 decision. Even though it's my job to warn you about
7 it, you still have to do it.

8 In terms of further data that might
9 corroborate any kind of model, all that I know about
10 is what we presented in the 19-patient European
11 cohort. I actually, if you really want to see it, I
12 have a plot somewhere. If you plot those 19 patients
13 superimposed on the extrapolation, they basically
14 cover the whole range of error for prediction of an
15 individual. They are right there. There's only 19 of
16 them and when you look at that they have a fairly
17 large amount of variability so it doesn't really help
18 us to decide sort of a relatively subtle difference
19 between something like a linear loss or an
20 explanatory loss or something like that.

21 DR. BRADLEY: Thank you. I'll open the
22 question up to anybody else in the room who is

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1 knowledgeable in the issue of endothelial cell count
2 data. Are there any data for some other product, some
3 other disease that we have long-term data on?

4 DR. WEISS: Dr. Grimmer.

5 DR. GRIMMETT: Dr. Michael Grimmer. In
6 my review of endothelial data for this panel perhaps a
7 year ago, the only other data that I could find would
8 be Bill Bourne's data. His data had several
9 limitations in that the patients that had the cataract
10 surgery had a wide variety of the types of procedure
11 whether it be extracap or intracap.

12 Specular microscopy images were not
13 standardized. I don't believe that the Konan machine
14 was around at that time. I didn't go back through the
15 data to look at it year by year to answer your
16 question did the first three years actually predict
17 what happened 10 years later. That's the question
18 you're asking. But his data was such small numbers
19 and such a wide variety of procedures that I'm not
20 sure that would actually even looking at his data
21 would actually answer it. From my review I'm not
22 aware of another product where we have the answer to

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1 that question.

2 DR. GRAY: Here is the trial I was
3 referring to where the red dots have the 10-year
4 European data. You can see they neither confirm nor
5 deny anything about -- their variability is fairly
6 large here in these 19 patients and so they don't
7 really tell me that the model is terribly wrong but
8 they don't help me distinguish between fairly subtle
9 differences.

10 DR. WEISS: Dr. Huang and then Dr.
11 McMahon.

12 DR. HUANG: I know we spend a lot of time
13 on endothelial cell counts from the FDA as well as the
14 panel reviewers as well as the sponsor. I would like
15 to look at this problem with a little bit slightly
16 different angle. Truthfully that the cornea function
17 is not really predicated on the absolute number of the
18 endothelial cells.

19 It's really their functions. So are we
20 looking at the cells as indicative of function or
21 should we just look at the cornea thickness as a
22 function to see if the cornea retains integrity

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1 because clinically we have seen many patients with
2 endothelial dystrophy with reduced cell count but over
3 the years they don't have any cornea decompensation.

4 Even though the cell number continues to
5 decrease, that doesn't mean the cornea is
6 decompensating. That is my concern about all these
7 number calculations. I understand that we need to
8 have safety guidelines but, on the other hand, that's
9 the only safety guideline that we need to be concerned
10 about cornea integrity. Thank you.

11 DR. WEISS: I think the difficulty will be
12 that the cell count is going to be much more
13 sensitive, perhaps not totally significant, than the
14 corneal thickness because as we all know as corneal
15 surgeons, the thickness or the cornea will
16 decompensate at a much lower cell rate.

17 If you are a 20-year-old patient and let's
18 say you're losing your cells at 3 percent per year,
19 and it's linear and continual, then we would obviously
20 have concerns at some point. You may get into the
21 risk of having decreased corneal function. These are
22 all very difficult questions because I think what

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1 we're being told by FDA and by sponsor we have a 1.7
2 to 1.8 percent corneal endothelial cell rate loss in
3 the first three years.

4 It doesn't stabilize. What we all know is
5 the only time this will become significant is many,
6 many years down the line past when hopefully all of us
7 will be retired at that point and not meeting at this
8 panel meeting but we need to project into the future
9 with data that we don't have.

10 Dr. McMahon.

11 DR. McMAHON: This goes back to Dr. Gray.

12 This might be extraspeculative but in that European
13 data is it possible to use a nonlinear model? The
14 issue here is there a decrease in the rate of change
15 at the end that would show some flattening? I mean,
16 the plots that you show demonstrate that these
17 individuals if this is real are doomed if they live
18 long enough.

19 DR. GRAY: It's possible to fit a
20 nonlinear model but it's impossible with the data we
21 have to distinguish between a linear or a nonlinear
22 model. We can do those fits if you want to

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1 extrapolate in some other way with some other model,
2 you can either make it curve one way or the other and
3 look either better or worse. I have no basis based on
4 the data we have to pick one of those models over the
5 other.

6 What I present here is just the straight
7 line middle-of-the-road linear extrapolation. If you
8 have some reason to choose otherwise, we can entertain
9 another model. It's difficult. It's impossible with
10 the data we have, I think, to distinguish between
11 those.

12 DR. WEISS: Any other questions from
13 panel?

14 DR. BRADLEY: Sorry, Dr. Gray. You
15 stepped down. I'm still not clear on what you've
16 shown us here. The red dots --

17 DR. GRAY: Is this on?

18 DR. BRADLEY: Let me get my question out
19 and you can answer it. For example, these are 10-year
20 follow-up. Presumably these people at this time are
21 10 years older and one wonders what the age match
22 norms might be for this group. That looks to me like

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1 most definitely the means must be lower in this sample
2 that you put up there, the 10-year follow-up.

3 I wonder how different are they to age-
4 matched controls, age-matched norms, for that group of
5 people whatever age they were. I'm trying to get a
6 sense does this group really have lower than normal
7 looking endothelial counts. That wasn't a very clear
8 question. Sorry about that.

9 DR. GRAY: Well, first of all, let me make
10 it clear that I did not do -- these red points were
11 not included in making this fit at all because I
12 didn't -- I don't have enough information to have any
13 idea whether we can pull together the data and use
14 them in the same model or not. This plot was only
15 made just in case we wanted to see how it looked
16 instead of looking at the figures that I presented in
17 slide No. 10.

18 Again, all I had, I personally got these
19 data last week so I didn't have a lot of time to
20 fiddle with them. All I had was the -- I don't have
21 the co-variates. I don't know their ages. I don't
22 know anything about them. I don't know the pupil

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1 diameter, none of that stuff. All I know is -- all I
2 got was the counts at baseline and the various follow-
3 ups.

4 In the 10-year European, the slide that
5 had that was just to indicate it. This is all we
6 really know about long-term. This is the best we have
7 in terms of long-term follow-up. This plot is just
8 another way to look at that to see if there was some
9 obvious red flag that any kind of extrapolation was
10 off the mark. Really what the plot tells you is that
11 there's not much information here.

12 DR. WEISS: Dr. Mathers.

13 DR. MATHERS: Bill Mathers. What you're
14 saying is that those red dots are actually extraneous
15 to this graph. They happen to fall right down the
16 middle where the extrapolation is which would mean
17 that the extrapolation seems to be consistent with the
18 10-year data of the European but, of course, you can't
19 really say that.

20 DR. GRAY: I would say it's not
21 inconsistent.

22 DR. MATHERS: It's not inconsistent.

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1 DR. GRAY: I'm a statistician. But also
2 there are some patterns in the European data that are
3 different than the data we see here. For example,
4 353-eye cohort that we looked at there was virtually
5 no change between baseline and the six-month follow-up
6 which is counter to anything I have been led to
7 expect.

8 Whereas for this European cohort there was
9 a six percent loss between baseline and six months.
10 So the patterns even though it comes out the same in
11 the end at the 10-year point. The patterns up here at
12 the beginning are somewhat different. Who knows if
13 it's just due to the few number of patients or that
14 they are really different patients. The population is
15 somehow different demographically. I don't have that
16 information.

17 DR. MATHERS: But to the subjective eye it
18 looks like those red dots were used to calculate it
19 because they look smack on.

20 DR. GRAY: They do but you will also
21 remember that I mentioned I think it's three or four
22 of them above the 90 percent line and four or five of

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1 them are below. They actually have a fairly large
2 amount of variability compared to the line that we do
3 have.

4 I don't know how they got these counts. I
5 don't know how the counts were standardized or
6 anything but the amount of variability is actually
7 fairly large here compared to what we had seen before
8 in the current data set.

9 DR. WEISS: Is there a zero timeline for
10 the European data? We have it on the 10-year.

11 DR. GRAY: If you look at slide 10 at
12 baseline, there was 2,666 which was 100 cells lower
13 than the mean and about 100 cells lower than the 2,760
14 in the current cohort so they started out slightly
15 lower.

16 DR. WEISS: So just following up with what
17 Dr. Mathers is asking, if that was plotted out there,
18 would that fall quite similarly with the black line?

19 DR. GRAY: If you look at --

20 DR. WEISS: That would sort of correlate
21 with what Bill is asking, that if it looks similar at
22 zero and it looks similar at 10, then maybe it

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1 actually --

2 DR. GRAY: The change --

3 DR. WEISS: Maybe it's not inconsistent
4 with being similar.

5 DR. GRAY: Actually, the change for the --
6 I didn't want to make too much of -- we only have 19
7 patients and I don't know much about them but, having
8 said that, for that cohort the average loss between
9 six months and 10 years, the annual rate is 1.2
10 percent. It's actually lower than what we saw in the
11 PMA cohort.

12 They had a very large drop at the
13 beginning and then they leveled out somewhat. If you
14 look at slide No. 10 it has a whole bunch of different
15 ways of looking at the data to try to help you make
16 some sense of that.

17 DR. WEISS: In the European data they only
18 had 19 patients and there was a large amount of
19 variability so all of these are deficits of over
20 analyzing this data. Having said that, they have a
21 1.2 percent cell loss rate. Okay, good. From six
22 months to 10 years.

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1 DR. GRAY: They had a fairly high rate of
2 loss between six months and three years, 2.9 percent.

3 It was high. And then between the two time points,
4 three years and 10 years, it dropped off to 0.7
5 percent. If you are optimistic you say the long-term
6 rate is close to normal. If you are pessimistic you
7 say the initial rate in the first three years was
8 quite high and I don't really believe -- there's not
9 enough data here to really tell what is going on so
10 it's a judgment at this point with those 19 patients
11 in my opinion.

12 DR. WEISS: Dr. Macsai.

13 DR. MACSAI: Dr. Gray, can you address
14 something about this slide? I thought enrollment
15 criteria was 2,000 cells or above. On the slide at
16 the zero there's a whole bunch of little points.
17 Maybe it's my refraction. I can't see how many little
18 points but they are below 2,000.

19 DR. WEISS: You need to get an ARTISAN.

20 DR. MACSAI: My contrast, I think.

21 DR. WEISS: Sorry. Getting close to
22 lunch.

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1 DR. MACSAI: It seems like there are
2 little dots on your graph below 2,000 at baseline.

3 DR. GRAY: There are.

4 DR. MACSAI: How is that possible?

5 DR. GRAY: Well, it looks to me like
6 there's four or five dots below baseline at 2,000.
7 You will recall that these are the recount data.
8 These are not the initial counts so it could have been
9 that when the patient was enrolled whoever did the
10 endothelial cell count deciding it counted them one
11 way, and you will remember there is a fairly large
12 variability in the counting process so it's not
13 surprising that a few of them actually came out lower
14 when you recounted them. That's why the new
15 suggestion is three photographs per person and
16 standardization of the counting procedure to try to
17 minimize that kind of variability.

18 DR. MACSAI: So we're not even 100 percent
19 certain that our baseline counts, because these are
20 based on one picture where all of those below 70 were
21 kind of thrown out and we don't even know if that
22 amount was thrown out was randomly distributed or

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1 skewed in some way. We don't even know if our
2 baseline is right is what you're saying in a
3 statistical manner. I mean, where you don't want to
4 be committal but that's what it sounds like.

5 DR. GRAY: What I'm saying is the sponsor
6 had a slide that talked about the about of variability
7 in the measurement of the endothelial cell density.
8 There actually is inherent in this whole process a
9 fair amount of variability. We take photographs of
10 some location in your eye that can vary. Some of the
11 photographs turn out good or bad for whatever reason
12 and then we have people trying to count and to obtain
13 a density, a cell density.

14 Just that whole process has a fair amount
15 of variability in it. When you say sure, we're not
16 positive of any of these counts. They have some
17 measuring error. The recount data have less
18 variability than the original study.

19 DR. MACSAI: Based on what do you say
20 that? I mean, there's no standardization. It sounds
21 like there's no check and balance done before it
22 started.

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1 DR. ROSENTHAL: Can I just explain
2 something?

3 DR. MACSAI: Yeah. I'm really confused.

4 DR. ROSENTHAL: Their initial endothelial
5 cell counts were done with large -- were not done in
6 the standardized way. They were all over the board
7 when it came to the variability. The Agency asked
8 them to go back and to try out of this large number of
9 eyes to get those that were taken standardly, were
10 counted standardly, and were evaluated standardly.
11 It's the best, frankly, I think we can do particularly
12 when a new modality to look at the endothelial cell
13 counts came up in the middle of their study.

14 DR. WEISS: Dr. Schein. Sorry.

15 DR. ROSENTHAL: They were all using
16 different methods of doing it.

17 DR. WEISS: Dr. Macsai wanted to follow up
18 and then Dr. Schein and then Dr. Grimmett.

19 DR. MACSAI: I feel an obligation here to
20 make a follow-up statement, Dr. Rosenthal.

21 DR. ROSENTHAL: Sure.

22 DR. MACSAI: I believe that the Konan

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1 specular microscope was available in 1997. Whether or
2 not someone chose to utilize it it existed. Let's not
3 preclude that it came about in 1999. That's point No.
4 1.

5 Point No. 2, from our history as
6 ophthalmologists knowing the complications of anterior
7 chamber intraocular lenses in patients, the Lysky, the
8 ORC, when we designed these studies using an ACIOL I
9 think it behooves the sponsor and the Agency to
10 address these critical issues at the beginning before
11 we move forward with implantation in patients because
12 now we're looking at maybes.

13 DR. WEISS: Dr. Rosenthal.

14 DR. ROSENTHAL: I have to stick up for the
15 Agency a little bit. I think in 1997 there was not as
16 great a science of endothelial cell count as there is
17 in the past three or four years. Certainly working on
18 it in the standards group it was a very contentious
19 issue and it took a long time to come to some
20 conclusion how best to do it.

21 I don't know if Donna wants to comment on
22 that. When a company puts together a protocol for an

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1 IDE, we have to use what is currently considered the
2 best science. Frankly, the science of endothelial
3 cell counts in 1997 did not have a quality standard.

4 DR. WEISS: That will be the last word on
5 that subject. I would like to go back to questioning.

6 We just have a few minutes right now. Dr. Schein, if
7 you have anything that you -- a question as opposed to
8 any comments.

9 DR. SCHEIN: You've taken a comment right
10 out of my mouth but I have one last question for Dr.
11 Gray. Putting the cornea aside for the moment, I'm
12 interested to know if you did any time dependent
13 analyses of other complications, development of lens
14 opacities, need for cataract surgery, intraocular lens
15 or lens exchange, retinal detachment, etc., etc., both
16 within the time frames of the data that you have and
17 an extrapolation into the future.

18 DR. GRAY: The brief answer to that is no,
19 I didn't do any of those analyses.

20 DR. SCHEIN: I would suggest they might be
21 useful if for nothing else than patient education to
22 describe whether if you survive the first month or

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1 year or 18 months, that the complication rate goes
2 down dramatically or the converse obviously equally
3 important.

4 DR. WEISS: Fifty seconds.

5 DR. BRADLEY: Dr. Bradley. Again, Dr.
6 Gray, question from your analysis. Did you notice
7 whether the cell-loss rates correlated with the
8 initial cell count.

9 DR. GRAY: As far as I could tell they did
10 not. There was no significant indication that the
11 rate of loss was a function of the baseline count.

12 DR. BRADLEY: So would the appropriate
13 interpretation of that result be those with the low
14 initial cell counts are at the greatest risk?

15 DR. GRAY: Yeah, I would say that's a fair
16 interpretation of that.

17 DR. WEISS: Depending on how long --

18 DR. GRAY: As far as I recall, there was
19 not -- it's difficult to work with the data when a lot
20 is missing like this but I couldn't find any
21 association between the baseline count and the rate.
22 As far as I can tell the best thing to do is just

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1 assume that it isn't a function of the rate and if you
2 are low to begin with, you're at a higher risk.

3 DR. WEISS: Thank you very much. 12:30.
4 We'll break for lunch for one hour.

5 (Whereupon, at 12:29 p.m. off the record
6 until 1:36 p.m.)

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1:36 p.m.

DR. WEISS: Okay. So what I would like to do before we go to -- we are going to be starting -- before we start committee deliberations, I had one question for the FDA which was on the basis of their presentation if they any recommendations as far as a time point after lens implantation, which would make it much easier to extrapolate, the endothelial cell count some years down the line as opposed to having to wait 20 years to find out what the answer would be in 20 years. I don't know who would be able to answer that one for us.

DR. GRAY: I can give you my opinion on that.

DR. WEISS: That's the one we want.

DR. GRAY: What you're trying to do is extrapolate 10 times the range of the data that you have. That makes any kind of distinguishing between -- several models could probably fit equally well within the relatively short amount of time you have, three, even if we have four years, and still be fairly

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1 divergent after 30 or 40 more years.

2 It's going to be very difficult in terms
3 of extrapolating out 40 years and know anything until
4 we do get to the 10 or 20-year point. That's
5 obviously somewhat impractical in terms of making a
6 decision about approval.

7 Every year helps. Every year that you
8 have further on that has no obvious increase and
9 perhaps a decrease the better off you are. You are
10 never going to be able to prior to approval have
11 enough data to definitively say that it's one
12 particular kind of functional form as far out as you
13 want to go. endothelial

14 DR. WEISS: So from what I understand you
15 to say that if we have four-year data or five-year
16 data, that would not make the answer anymore clear
17 than having three-year data.

18 DR. GRAY: In terms of the extrapolation I
19 don't know that it would make that much difference in
20 terms of distinguishing between a straight line and a
21 curve, something like that.

22 DR. WEISS: Okay. Thank you.

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1 There were a few questions that we had
2 asked sponsor to look up. I'm told they have the
3 answers to some of these. If they could come forward.

4 There was a question I had about pupil size and
5 explantation and a question that Dr. Casey had and Dr.
6 Smith had.

7 DR. STULTING: Thank you, Dr. Weiss. We
8 worked on this during the lunch break and I'll share
9 with you the data that I have. There may be some more
10 available later in the day. One of the questions that
11 I may note of was the issue of mesopic pupil size and
12 lens optic size. The sponsor did a multi-variate
13 analysis looking at the presence of visual symptoms at
14 night looking for correlations.

15 One of the correlations that they sought
16 was mesopic pupil size greater than the lens optic
17 size. In the cohort there were 56 first eyes enrolled
18 and 31 who answered the questionnaire who fit this
19 criterion. There was no correlation found in that
20 analysis. I don't have power calculations available.

21 That is something we can get for you later.

22 The second question that I made note of

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1 was some concern about the possibility of bias in the
2 selection of recount patients. I want to spend just a
3 minute going over the protocol that was used to select
4 those eyes.

5 The selection of sites for the recount was
6 based only on the availability of instrumentation. It
7 is possible that there is some unrecognized bias that
8 people who are particularly good surgeons happen to
9 have particularly good specular microscopes or
10 something like that that we can't definitively and
11 absolutely rule out, but there was no intent for that.

12 All available readable images regardless
13 of endothelial cell morphology were included. In
14 fact, this was a masked selection. The images were
15 read -- were obtained and read at a central center not
16 knowing who they belonged to, whether they were
17 preoperative or postoperative, etc.

18 Once they were read, then a minimum of two
19 readable images at different time points was required
20 in order for an individual to be a member of the
21 recount study. The other question that was related
22 that was asked was how many images with only a few

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1 cells were eliminated? The answer to that is there
2 were 12 poor quality images eliminated because there
3 were less than 70 analyzable cells in those images.

4 Those were the exclusions among 1,156
5 images that were analyzed leaving a total of 1,144
6 images which formed the data set that the recounts
7 were derived from. We believe that the elimination of
8 these few images probably didn't have anything to do
9 with the results.

10 The third question was endothelial cell
11 counts for Group E. Remember Group E was the group
12 with replacement intraocular lenses, previous corneal
13 transplants, custom made lenses that were fabricated
14 with powers outside of the usual range, best corrected
15 acuities less than 20/40.

16 Nine of these were included in the recount
17 analysis. Three of them had replacement intraocular
18 lenses. Two of them had custom lenses. Four of them
19 had best corrected acuity of less than 20/40. There
20 were 23 observations in this group so it was a
21 relatively small group and in these there was an
22 average loss of 2.67 percent per year. Recognize that

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1 one-third of these were people who had had an extra
2 surgical procedure to remove the intraocular lens.

3 A question was asked about endothelial
4 cell count reliability. I answered it by saying that
5 the protocol did not have any internal controls for
6 reproducibility. However, I would like to share with
7 you some data about endothelial cell count reliability
8 since the question was asked.

9 Once the images had been obtained,
10 screened and read at a single trained central center,
11 those images -- 50 of those images were randomly
12 selected and sent to another reading center. This is
13 a center that was outside of the investigational sites
14 and a center that most of you would probably recognize
15 that normally does endothelial cell counts.

16 So these same images were read by the
17 second center. This then is a test of reproducibility
18 of reading alone because they were exactly the same
19 images. The differences in the mean cell counts in
20 this exercise was 0.8 percent, not significantly
21 different from zero. But the standard deviation was
22 relatively large, 24 percent, ranging from -47.2 to

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1 +48.8 percent and 28 percent of these readings showed
2 a more than 10 percent loss or gain. So this speaks
3 to the ability to read these images. I speaks to the
4 reliability of the methodology for endothelial cell
5 counts.

6 Remember that these cells -- we are only
7 counting 80 to 100 cells in most of these eyes, mean
8 109 even with selected images. If you are off by two
9 or three cells, it makes a big difference in the
10 calculated endothelial cell density.

11 With regard to the labeling, I would just
12 like to make a suggestion and that is that we produce
13 a graph something like this showing a calculated
14 endothelial cell loss over time and relating the
15 endothelial cell density to the age with endothelial
16 cell density on the vertical axis and age on the
17 horizontal axis using our best data available with the
18 best projects of time so that I as a consumer, as an
19 ethical physician, can have this information knowing
20 that it would be best to implant or not implant
21 depending upon these parameters. Thank you.

22 DR. WEISS: Thank you. We're going to go

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1 on with the primary panel reviews. Dr. Mathers.

2 DR. MATHERS: Thank you, Dr. Weiss. Bill
3 Mathers. I will relate to you my primary review. The
4 application concerns a lens that is designed to
5 correct myopia, moderate to high degree, five to 20
6 diopters by means of a lens device that is inserted
7 into the anterior chamber and clipped to the anterior
8 surface of the iris which maintains it's fixation and
9 it's centration.

10 The highly myopic population has
11 significant problems with spectacle correction.
12 Contact lens are usually the preferred method of
13 correction for this group if they are tolerated.
14 Subject with dry eyes, surface disease, and other
15 difficulties that preclude contact lens wear have few
16 options.

17 We are given the question for the panel
18 discussion, "Do the endothelial cell data presented in
19 the overall analysis stratified by anterior chamber
20 depth and extrapolated over time provide reasonable
21 assurance of safety for the ARTISAN myopic lens?"

22 There are several safety considerations

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1 that need to be addressed. The primary and overriding
2 issue, however, is, I believe, the question of
3 endothelial cell loss over time and the change in
4 endothelial cell density resulting from the insertion
5 and retention of the lens.

6 Data supplied by the applicant is
7 presented in two forms, for the whole group and for
8 smaller subgroups stratified by anterior chamber
9 depth. For the whole group the endothelial loss rate
10 for three years, the duration of the study was 4.75
11 percent and this is a loss rate of 1.58 percent per
12 year with an N of 111. I realize my numbers are not
13 exactly the same as some others that we've heard but I
14 believe actually they have come up pretty close.

15 This contrast with the loss rate in the
16 normal population of .6 percent and a loss rate of 2.5
17 percent for 10 years following cataract surgery. This
18 cumulative endothelial loss is highly relevant to the
19 younger population for which this lens is primarily
20 intended. The table below indicates the resulting
21 endothelial cell counts that could be expected if the
22 loss continues at this rate for 10, 20, 30, or 40

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1 years. I realize you may not have that in front of
2 you but I'm going to go over the numbers.

3 Starting with 2,754 cells per square
4 millimeter the mean endothelial cell density may seem
5 reasonable but half the group will have an ECD less
6 than this. The applicant has requested permission to
7 use the device in 21-year-old subjects with an ECD
8 down to 2,000. The main corneal clarity usually
9 requires -- to maintain corneal clarity usually
10 requires an ECD of 800. These are rough figures but
11 they are probably correct.

12 For a reasonable margin of safety an ECD
13 of 1,200 would be a better cutoff and even this is
14 fairly low. Starting from the mean ECD and the lowest
15 cell loss rate the average subject would be at risk
16 after 40 years. Subjects with an initial ECD of
17 2,400, usually considered to be quite good cell count,
18 would reach the point of risk at about 30 years.

19 If the subject had an ECD at the low end
20 of 2,000, the 1,200 end point would be obtained in 23
21 years and the 800 ECD would be reached before 40
22 years. A cell count of 1,200 does not guarantee

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1 imminent corneal failure but there is definitely an
2 increased risk at this point. One needs to consider
3 that these patients at that time are going to be
4 facing cataract surgery which always has some
5 consequence for the endothelium.

6 The data actually shows that the estimated
7 loss rate from six months to three years, which is a
8 total of 30 months, if this data is correct, then the
9 loss rate is more like 1.9 percent per year. The
10 resulting calculations shown above indicate that even
11 starting with relatively high ECD of 2,754 the final
12 ECD reaches 1,200 prior to 30 years. By 40 years the
13 endothelial cell count is so low as to guarantee
14 failure.

15 These calculations are based on a mean
16 loss rate. Also given our 95 percent confidence
17 interval which have a high-end loss rate of 6.1
18 percent for three years, or 2.03 percent per year. At
19 this rate the 1,200 ECD is reached in about 26 years
20 starting from the high end of 2,754.

21 Five percent may fall beyond this range
22 and an ECD of 1,200 reached sooner than that.

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1 Starting from an ECD of 2,000, which they are
2 requesting, the 800 level is reached before 30 years.

3 I want to point out here from today's discussion that
4 Dr. Gray's assessment at 38 percent of the population
5 could be expected to have a loss rate of two percent
6 which is a failure rate, or 1,200 rate at only 25
7 years.

8 The highest loss rate was found in a group
9 with an anterior chamber depth of 3 to 3.2. For this
10 group the loss over three years, or maybe 30 months,
11 I'm not sure, was 9.16 percent or 3 percent per year.

12 This is a loss rate that is approximately double the
13 group as a whole. Thus, the time to reach 1,200 or
14 800 is half the original calculation.

15 From an ECD of 2,000 less than 20 years
16 would be required to reach 800. These calculations
17 assume that the endothelial loss is close to the mean.

18 Unfortunately, this is not likely to be the case
19 since the standard deviation reported in the revised
20 application is nearly twice the mean number. This
21 indicates that some subjects will likely experience a
22 substantially more rapid decline in their endothelial

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1 cell density than these calculations show.

2 This device is currently marketed in over
3 40 countries and the report states that the device has
4 not been removed from any of these for any safety
5 concerns. This is not surprising because the time to
6 achieve is sufficiently low ECD that would create
7 corneal edema is still always over 15 years. Our 10-
8 year data given to us before and also reanalyzed today
9 I would think does not contraindicate or contradict
10 this conclusion.

11 The endothelial cell losses are mostly
12 less than those that have been reported for cataract
13 surgery. A comparison with cataract surgery is
14 relevant since clear lens extraction is one
15 alternative that some practitioners use to correct
16 extreme myopia.

17 For both operations there is a small
18 incision into the anterior chamber and the device is
19 implanted. Surgical trauma and postoperative
20 inflammation could be expected to be of a similar
21 range.

22 Cataract surgery is extremely common and

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1 the risks are generally considered to be low and
2 reasonable. Why is this different here? The age of
3 the cataract surgery population is higher and, thus,
4 the postoperative duration is much longer for the
5 ARTISAN myopic lens.

6 In addition, preoperative vision loss is
7 greater for the cataract group and the relative risk
8 of surgery can be correspondingly greater. Finally,
9 there are alternatives to phakic lens implants,
10 whereas a cataract patient requires the replacement of
11 the lens to restore vision in this new alternative.

12 Other safety concerns of shorter duration,
13 less than 5 percent of subjects lost two lines of best
14 corrected vision and 100 percent at three years had a
15 best corrected of 20/40 or better within 228. This is
16 in the range of cataract surgery where severe vision
17 loss can be expected in the 1,000 to 2,000 or less
18 range.

19 One subject was developing PSE cataract
20 and we heard some other issues about cataract
21 formation today that I'm not quoting. There was one
22 case of a macular hole. Over time the incidence of

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1 cataract may be higher because of subclinical
2 inflammation from the lens.

3 But the rate of cataract development in
4 this group is already higher than average and it will
5 very difficult to make this attribution accurately.
6 Postoperative inflammation in the form of cell and
7 flare is persistent in 1.3 percent of subjects at six
8 months.

9 This chronic inflammation may contribute
10 to the cataract formation later. Corneal edema was
11 surprisingly prevalent at 20 percent on day one and
12 this dropped 2.2 percent in two weeks but I think this
13 level is acceptable.

14 Regarding accuracy issues, the accuracy of
15 the implant appears to be excellent considering the
16 very great difficulties in determining chamber depth
17 and refractive error and high myopes. Cataract
18 surgery shows us that this can be actually quite
19 hazardous to predict accurately.

20 Manifest refraction spherical equivalents
21 were very good as 71.7 percent to 76 percent had an
22 MRSE within .5 diopters of the target after six months

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1 and 93 percent had within target with 1 diopter at six
2 months.

3 The majority of subjects gained at least
4 one line of best corrected vision which is quite
5 remarkable. Visual side effects, glare and halos
6 could be expected to occur if light passes outside the
7 limits of the lens and enters the eye through the
8 large pupil. This should occur primarily at night
9 when the pupil is largest.

10 Such issues are real but of lesser concern
11 since many of the subjects already experienced such
12 visual symptoms without the lens in place. Severe
13 glare was noted at one percent at all post-op visits.

14 Halos were more common and were moderately severe in
15 17 percent and severe in 3.5 percent.

16 Regarding the assessment and
17 recommendations, question 1 and 2, it is my opinion
18 that the lens is not safe for the currently intended
19 subject population. Endothelial cell loss is a
20 progressive problem. The damage from ongoing cell
21 loss could be partially ameliorated by requiring the
22 pre-op cell count of greater than 2,400, or perhaps

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1 some other number.

2 This would not completely solve the
3 problem but it would help. It would also help to
4 limit the age of the subjects. Those between 21 and
5 50 have different needs and issues compared with the
6 older group.

7 It would be wise to be the most stringent
8 with the younger group. The reviewer believes this
9 lens is not safe to implant in subjects under the age
10 of 35 regardless of the cell count. For those between
11 35 and 50 a cell count of at least 2,400 should be
12 required. This would delay onset of the mean risk
13 point, an ECD of 800 to age 75. Keeping in mind the
14 wide 95 percent competence interval and the large
15 standard deviations revealed in the data, this seems a
16 reasonable level of risk.

17 As an alternative or additional method to
18 reduce risk, the reviewer recommends the panel
19 consider limiting the lens to those most in need, the
20 group with a refraction of 9 diopters or greater. For
21 this subset the alternatives are very limited and the
22 added risk of late complications may be more

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1 reasonable.

2 For subjects over the age of 50 the late
3 complications, 30 and 40 years away, are less
4 threatening even though there was a real probability
5 that they will live -- these subjects will live into
6 their 90s. For this group a pre-op ECD of 2,000 will
7 still probably lead to failure in 30 years. This is,
8 nevertheless, a reasonable risk that is in line with
9 clear lens extraction or with early cataract removal,
10 two likely alternatives.

11 There seems to be a very compelling reason
12 to limit the lens to those with an anterior chamber
13 depth greater than 3.2. For an anterior chamber depth
14 less than this, endothelial cell loss was twice as
15 high and clearly unacceptable at any age or ECD. I
16 believe it is reasonable that the lens diameter should
17 be limited to the size of the dark-adapted pupil,
18 although I understand that the correlation of halos
19 and glare is not very good and has some other
20 considerations.

21 That concludes my remarks. Thank you.

22 DR. WEISS: Thank you, Dr. Mathers.

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1 Dr. Schein.

2 DR. SCHEIN: If I can make this work, I'm
3 just going to present an overview of the comments that
4 I submitted several weeks ago. I'll try to move
5 quickly through anything that's been pretty well
6 covered already. I'm purposely not going to address
7 the individual questions at the end but to make some
8 more general comments that I had in reviewing the
9 protocol.

10 I had some frustrations in reviewing it
11 because I felt that the work was all there but I
12 couldn't quite extract it in the way that I needed to
13 in order to make the assessments regarding safety that
14 I was trying to.

15 First let me make a few general comments.

16 I believe there is consensus that some follow-up of
17 reasonable length is needed to determine safety. In
18 the cohort I examined, we only have three-year data on
19 about a third of eyes. It makes it hard to think of
20 complications rates after that distance. It's greater
21 at two years, I understand, but perhaps only about 60
22 percent at that time. I'm not going to get into

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1 protocol violations since we discussed that a lot this
2 morning.

3 There has been a repeated theme which I
4 would like to emphasize. When we're looking at
5 safety, I would like to know safety not in some
6 subgroup of patients, this Group A. I would like to
7 know safety across the entire cohort that underwent
8 the implantation of the device.

9 Obviously it would not report efficacy in
10 a group, particularly efficacy related to corrected
11 acuity in individuals who didn't meet a standardized
12 entry acuity level but I do want to know this for
13 adverse events.

14 There were, for example, about 50 eyes
15 which were excluded from that primary analysis of
16 Group A who appeared to have about twice the adverse
17 event rate as defined by the sponsor. Likewise, I
18 would like to look at safety issues or complication
19 rates that in some way reflect the duration of time in
20 the study.

21 For subjects that are lost to follow-up,
22 there was a table which I've referenced there where

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1 about 20 percent of them have some worrying anatomical
2 or functional feature noted on the last exam recorded.

3 Of course, these are patients that are excluded from
4 the two or three-year rates of complications.

5 Another issue is I would like to see
6 adverse events and safety talked about presented not
7 just on a per-eye basis but on a patient basis.
8 Certainly a patient who has a retinal detachment on
9 one eye would view the procedure as risky even in the
10 presence of one eye that didn't have such a problem.

11 The intent of this device is as a
12 bilateral device and ultimately it will be used almost
13 exclusively as a bilateral treatment much as contact
14 lenses are used. So similarly at different places in
15 the report there are different rates that were given.

16 A quoted a rate of 3.4 percent, again, is not on a
17 person level. It's on an eye level.

18 It's not accounting for variable length of
19 follow-up so in these three year cumulative rates
20 where a denominator of 662 is quoted, I don't know how
21 to -- I don't know what inference to draw from that
22 when I have less than one-half the potential data at

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1 three years in hand.

2 There are references throughout the PMA
3 and in the proposed labeling for comparisons with
4 anterior chamber intraocular lenses. I think there
5 may be historical reasons why these are in the
6 document but I think they are inappropriate
7 comparisons since patients undergoing anterior chamber
8 intraocular lens are typically older. They are often
9 already aphakic or they are in the process of
10 suffering complications from cataract surgery, not a
11 good comparison to make.

12 Looking at the safety issues, again,
13 trying to figure out what the rates were, I had more
14 difficulty trying to understand the differences
15 between what were termed complications and/or adverse
16 events. Lens opacity was listed as a complication but
17 not cataract extraction. That seemed to be listed
18 under other procedures. I found a couple under lens
19 exchange.

20 The resuturing of a wound leak in the
21 early postoperative period was called a secondary
22 procedure. In my cataract practice I would call that

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1 a complication. It's not the same as a secondary
2 refractive procedure downstream to make more accurate
3 the efficacy of the procedure. So there's
4 inconsistency. Retinal detachment is a complication
5 not listed as a secondary procedure. Again, all
6 presented on a per-eye basis alone.

7 I would propose that complications be
8 divided in analyses into those which have clinical
9 significance with an obvious potential to cause harm
10 and I've labeled a few of them here. There are
11 others. And to distinguish those from I would call
12 more trivial events such as the need for punctual
13 occlusion or the need to widen a peripheral iridotomy.

14 The labeling of activities like needed to
15 resuture or reposition an intraocular lens as a
16 nonadverse event makes no sense to me clinically.
17 Again, frustrating in trying to figure out what the
18 true rates of adverse events actually was. Let's try
19 to separate the things of clinical importance from
20 those which are not.

21 Similar, this issue of something parsing
22 events that might be potentially avoidable versus not.

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1 I have even more trouble since I see no way to
2 divorce the device itself from the surgical procedure
3 that accompanies it. The material is
4 polymethymethacrylate and is fine and inert. It has a
5 wonderful track record but you cannot separate the two
6 of them.

7 There is a presumption that the device and
8 retinal detachment or, for that matter, development of
9 cataract may be unrelated and that these are high
10 myopes who are going to get these complications
11 anyway. In the absence of a control group I think the
12 sponsor takes the risk of a presumption of exactly the
13 opposite.

14 The enrolled cohort here appropriately
15 could not have had retinal detachment in the eye that
16 was being enrolled either in the past year or in the
17 past decade except for patients that were 30, 40, and
18 50 years old. By definition having not had them even
19 though they were at risk, this is a group that is in a
20 sense a survivorship group whose anticipated rate of
21 such adverse events over a one, two, or three-year
22 period would be expected to be lower, not higher.

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1 So lens opacities, I believe, were
2 recorded in about five percent of eyes but in the
3 absence of a standardized grading system. I think
4 someone made the implication earlier that in 1997
5 there was no concern about an aphakic intraocular lens
6 in development of cataract and no understanding that
7 endothelial cell counts were problematic and required
8 multiple testing, repeat testing no matter what the
9 name of the device was. I reject both of those
10 notions. These things were well known in 1997.

11 It's difficult to assess. I don't know
12 whether it's five percent or one percent or 10
13 percent. I am more concerned actually with the time
14 dependent rate of cataract development than I
15 currently am with projections three decades down
16 stream for endothelial cell loss because as these
17 patients age, they are likely to develop cataract,
18 particularly if there is a risk of this device.

19 Such patients will have difficulties
20 measuring the intraocular lens to replace and these
21 patients will undergo cataract surgery combined with
22 an anterior chamber lens removal which will certainly

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1 add to the risk of cataract surgery.

2 Regarding patient-reported visual side
3 effects depending on one's perspective you could look
4 at this either as an efficacy or a safety issue. In
5 looking at it from the safety perspective, I focus on
6 individuals who do not report the symptom before
7 surgery and then develop it later.

8 It's very nice that there are individuals
9 who report it before who do not have it later. Again,
10 from a safety public health perspective this is the
11 group I'm most interested in and 15 to 30 percent
12 developed symptoms of varying severity, usually not
13 too severe but were ones that were not noted
14 preoperatively.

15 This is something that I think can benefit
16 from further analyses to see whether there were
17 subgroups, age, gender, degree of refractive error,
18 the obvious kinds of parameters to see if there are
19 subgroups with really, really large rates that would
20 be part of a patient education or even a labeling
21 issue.

22 Finally, endothelial cell counts were left

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1 unfortunately with having to draw inferences from data
2 sets each one of which, I think, has substantial
3 problems and limitations. Unfortunately, each data
4 set does not compliment the other, at least in a
5 meaningful way that I can see.

6 I'm actually drawn most towards the full
7 data set. Although the image quality is poor, there
8 is no reason to think there is a systematic bias
9 towards under or over reporting. About 25 percent of
10 individuals seem to have lost 10 percent or more cells
11 which was substantially more than the proportion
12 gaining 10 percent or more cells. I can't recall.

13 I think it was in the range of three to
14 five percent that gained. So if it were purely noise,
15 I would expect an equal distribution. Again, I
16 couldn't tell from my own review how individuals who
17 had secondary procedures or problems were handled or
18 whether they were included or excluded.

19 This we've discussed further. Reanalyzing
20 data reduces the individual variability but, as Dr.
21 Stulting just point out, the measurements are still
22 problematic because of test, retest or interpretation

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1 and reinterpretation variability.

2 So we are left with non-US data. The
3 Canadian data is means only and I feel very strongly
4 that looking at means is not the way to look at
5 endothelial cell count again. From a safety
6 perspective we're interested in the worse X percent.
7 We can argue whether it's five or 10 or 15 percent or
8 20 percent or more cell loss but it's that part of the
9 distribution that you're worried about from the safety
10 perspective.

11 European data has all the problems that
12 we've already discussed. A third of the patients had
13 lost 20 percent or more cells by 10 years but, again,
14 I don't know how much faith to put in such a small
15 sample. I think it would be worth some discussion to
16 get some consensus on how much of incremental loss
17 would be of clinical significance.

18 We've talked about 1,200 being a floor but
19 I reject having a rigid final cutoff because of the
20 anticipation that a large number of these patients are
21 likely to undergo cataract surgery and lose another
22 five to 25 percent based on that last intervention.

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1 To summarize, I have concerns based on the
2 data that's presented to date that is incomplete in
3 comparison to what will presumably be collected over
4 the next 18 months. Additional analyses of the kinds
5 I've recommended and the three-year data, in other
6 words, without any new data collection on patients
7 that haven't been recruited, I think, would go a long
8 way.

9 Particularly to these nonendothelial cell
10 count issues one would be able to see whether the
11 rates of retinal detachment and cataract surgery, lens
12 reposition opacities was actually on the increase or
13 whether there were things that tended to occur early
14 and then flattened out. That would be very important
15 to know. Thank you.

16 DR. WEISS: Thank. Dr. Macsai.

17 DR. MACSAI: Before I start, I would like
18 to acknowledge -- I would like to thank the Agency for
19 this opportunity to review this PMA. I would like to
20 acknowledge the sponsor's work in putting it together
21 and the extraordinary analysis by Drs. Lepri, Gray and
22 Calogero.

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1 In addition, I would like to echo some of
2 Dr. Schein's sentiments. This was a very difficult
3 PMA to analyze. It was difficult for a number of
4 reasons but they mostly have to do with lack of
5 standardization and probably protocol design.

6 As I said earlier, I think that we need to
7 look at this in light of what we know about anterior
8 chamber IOLs and what are the risks of phakic IOLs
9 wherever they reside within the eye.

10 I submitted to the panel and to the Agency
11 a long primary review which I know the sponsors
12 received so what I would like to do is just highlight
13 a few issues that I think warrant our review. The
14 first is that of accountability. I felt the
15 accountability of this PMA was moderate.

16 It dropped below 75 percent at the three-
17 year exam. Dr. Stulting did tell us patients were
18 only told they would need to be enrolled for two
19 years. But what is of concern is that 53 percent of
20 the subjects in this study are ongoing and perhaps we
21 are looking at an incomplete data set.

22 Eleven percent were discontinued and of

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1 these that were discontinued we learned earlier some
2 were lost to follow-up and others had problems with
3 the device. Those that had problems with the device
4 are inappropriately grouped as discontinued. They
5 should be listed as complications or treatment
6 failures.

7 Enrollment. Of the 684 subjects 184
8 subjects were enrolled with protocol deviations in one
9 or both eyes. This was discussed and apparently the
10 Agency cleared these but, in my opinion, this is an
11 alarming number of patients with protocol deviations.

12 If the protocol is set up by the sponsors, perhaps
13 they were too rigid in their initial establishment of
14 enrollment criteria.

15 If you look at it this way, 25 percent of
16 the subjects do not meet the enrollment criteria and
17 this is making it even more difficult for us to
18 analyze both the safety and efficacy of this device.
19 When we look at criteria for safety and efficacy to
20 quote, "The rates of cumulative and persistent
21 complications should not exceed those of the FDA grid
22 for anterior chamber IOLs."

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1 I know this has been mentioned before but
2 I have to go on record as saying this is not
3 acceptable to me. The safety criteria for a phakic
4 IOL should not be compared to that used during
5 cataract surgery for an anterior chamber intraocular
6 lens. In 2004, 1998, 1990 you used an anterior
7 chamber IOL because things had gone wrong,
8 disastrously wrong during cataract surgery.

9 In those patients an anterior chamber IOL
10 was a second choice. Why would we compare an elective
11 procedure that's refractive to an acceptable grid for
12 a second choice in the treatment of a pathologic
13 condition? The phakic IOLs must be held to a much
14 higher standard than that of the FDA grid for ACIOLs.

15 If it is acceptable to some to make this
16 comparison, then we have to look at the historical
17 perspective of what has happened with ACIOLs in the
18 United States and what has happened with numerous
19 ACIOL designs, their effects on endothelial cells, the
20 fact that most of the cornea surgeons at this panel
21 meeting cut their teeth doing transplants and removing
22 these anterior chamber IOLs.

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1 We knew long ago about the risks of
2 endothelial damage with the anterior chamber IOLs. If
3 we are going to set this PMA up as comparable to the
4 FDA grid for ACIOLs, then I think we should also be
5 very careful about saying that we in 1997 did not
6 necessarily have knowledge of endothelial cell
7 standardization or damage, etc.

8 Dr. Stulting has gratefully produced some
9 information about Group E which is the eyes not
10 included in Groups A and B in which this was used
11 compassionate use or custom made lenses or eyes that
12 did not have a best corrected vision of 20/40. This
13 data really needs to be reported to the implanting
14 surgeon and the consumers.

15 It's a very, very important safety
16 criteria. It's critical to know what happens when
17 this lens is placed, for example, under a transplant
18 or if it's a custom designed implants. The consumer
19 must have this information and the information needs
20 to be segregated based on the power of the IOLs, the
21 age of the patients, the reason that the patients are
22 in Group E.

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1 Lens opacities. Twenty-six of the eyes
2 had preoperative lens opacities. I said this at the
3 beginning, they were not measured in any standardized
4 manner. If you can't measure them standardized
5 preoperatively, you can't measure them postoperatively
6 and I think a comparison is ludicrous.

7 You're comparing apples to oranges.
8 What's my opinion is different than your opinion as
9 far as cataract formation in a lens. This is not able
10 to be scientifically evaluated with this lack of
11 standardization.

12 What about the safety of all lens powers?
13 Well, only three implants were placed under 7
14 diopters. This is a very small end allowing for
15 absolutely no statistical significance. What about
16 the role of corneal abnormalities? It was very hard
17 for me to figure out from this PMA what was defined as
18 a corneal abnormality.

19 Was it Fuch's dystrophy or was it a little
20 foreign body scar from contact lens wear? I don't
21 know. Without that knowledge I can't tell if there is
22 a skew in the endothelial cell count data that may

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1 result from including these 41 eyes.

2 Adverse events. The sponsor stated that
3 they thought an adverse event of one percent was
4 acceptable and here I will echo the comments of Dr.
5 Schein. You cannot arbitrarily decide what an adverse
6 event is. Anything that happens as a result of the
7 procedure that's bad is an adverse event.

8 If you look at these numbers of retinal
9 detachment, cataract lens haptic dislocation, power
10 calculation errors, inflammatory response, lenses
11 explanted, lenses exchanged, lenses reattachment and
12 surgical trauma, the numbers are much higher.

13 It's about a 3.9 percent incidence and I
14 think that's per eye. I'm not sure if it's per
15 patient. I really couldn't tell from looking at the
16 data and I think it's really important to the consumer
17 that they know the difference there because if they
18 see it's per eye and they have two eyes, they may say,
19 "Gee, is it twice that," whether we know or not the
20 statistical validity of that assumption.

21 Patient symptoms. Again, it's very nice
22 that they segregated out for us those patients who

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1 preoperatively responded no and postoperatively
2 responded yes. This removes the confounding variables
3 of glare problems that we know are prevalent in this
4 highly myopic population. It is very significant that
5 in patients with pupils over 5.5 mm under mesopic
6 conditions halos were reported in 23.8 percent. These
7 are very high numbers.

8 These are very high numbers because the
9 sponsor took the time to segregate out the pre-op
10 response being no and the post-op response being yes.

11 In many studies this has not been done so this is
12 basically induced problems either from the procedure
13 or the device or the surgical technique but they are
14 induced problems.

15 Pressure. I have to defer to Dr. Coleman.

16 I'm not a glaucoma specialist. Unfortunately I'm not
17 good at even maybe defining it as Dr. Stulting alluded
18 to those of us who are cornea surgeons, but I was very
19 alarmed that gonioscopy was not performed in any of
20 these patients preoperatively or postoperatively.

21 I am very concerned that in the darkly
22 pigmented patient the role of pigment dispersion from

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1 this lens may be very high. We just don't know yet
2 but I find it hard to imagine that enclavation of the
3 iris would not result in pigment release, flare, some
4 level of chronic inflammation, and possible
5 acceleration of cataract formation or glaucoma.

6 The endothelial cell data was very
7 difficult to analyze. It's been adequately, I think,
8 addressed by Dr. Gray, Dr. Mathers, and Dr. Schein. I
9 have very little new to add. You all know that from
10 baseline to three years the decrease was 4.7 percent
11 but this loss seemed to be higher between the second
12 and third year as compared to between the first and
13 second year intimating that there is an increase in
14 endothelial cell loss over time taking into account
15 the lack of standardization of what we're looking at.

16 Anterior chamber depth was addressed by
17 Dr. Mathers. There were only six eyes but in those
18 eyes there was an alarmingly high rate of loss of
19 endothelial cells alluding to the fact that the depth
20 of the anterior chamber plays a big role in
21 endothelial cell loss in these patients either from
22 surgical trauma or ongoing trauma from eye rubbing or

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1 something of that sort.

2 The number of eyes that demonstrated
3 greater than 10 percent loss was analyzed and it was
4 looked at. I don't need to go on about this. And a
5 consistent cohort was also looked at showing 2.38
6 percent overall loss. Just clearly the endothelial
7 cell count has not stabilized in this short time
8 period that we're looking at during this accelerated
9 review.

10 I don't know what the endothelial cell
11 loss rate is but it's somewhere between 1.58 and 3
12 percent. I think that 2,000 cells per millimeter-
13 squared is way too low of a cutoff, especially in a
14 21-year-old.

15 In summary I'll tell you that I had a very
16 hard time reviewing this PMA due to lack of
17 standardization and enrollment criteria, outcomes
18 reporting, lens characterization, adverse event
19 definition, gonioscopy, and specular microscopy. And
20 though I'm not sure, I've chosen purposely not to
21 answer the panel's questions during this presentation.

22 I would use this time to ask the Agency

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1 and sponsors who are in the development process of
2 improving our field by creating these phakic IOLs that
3 it's very difficult to give a fair and reasonable
4 analysis of safety and efficacy without
5 standardization of these key features. Thank you.

6 DR. WEISS: Thank you very much. I want
7 to thank all of the reviewers for their excellent and
8 clear presentations. At this point we are going to go
9 on to the panel discussion of this PMA. I would ask
10 FDA if they could come forward to the podium and then
11 just present each question so that we can discuss it
12 in order.

13 While Dr. Lepri is doing that, the first
14 question which I will just read out is, "Do the
15 endothelial cell data presented in the overall
16 analysis stratified by anterior chamber depth and the
17 extrapolations over time provide reasonable assurance
18 of safety in the ARTISAN myopia lens."

19 What I would like to do is just go around
20 and get the opinions. If you want to give me a yes or
21 a no, that's the best opinion possible. If you want
22 to add some comments, that's okay as well.

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1 Dr. Schein, do you think that there is
2 reasonable assurance of safety on the basis of the
3 endothelial cell data, question No. 1?

4 DR. SCHEIN: No.

5 DR. WEISS: Dr. Bandeen-Roche.

6 DR. BANDEEN-ROCHE: No.

7 DR. WEISS: Dr. McMahon.

8 DR. McMAHON: No.

9 DR. WEISS: Dr. Bradley.

10 DR. BRADLEY: I think it's impossible to
11 project out 30 years. My answer is I don't know.

12 DR. WEISS: I don't know. Okay. Dr.
13 Macsai.

14 DR. MACSAI: From the analysis of what I
15 was given to review, I would have to say no.

16 DR. WEISS: Dr. Grimmer.

17 DR. GRIMMETT: In short, no.

18 DR. WEISS: Dr. Mathers.

19 DR. MATHERS: No, but I do think that the
20 age of the patient when this is performed plays a role
21 in that decision.

22 DR. WEISS: Dr. Casey.

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1 DR. CASEY: No.

2 DR. WEISS: Dr. Coleman.

3 DR. COLEMAN: No.

4 DR. WEISS: Dr. Van Meter.

5 DR. VAN METER: No. This may not be the
6 time to discuss it but I think that it's reasonable to
7 talk about whether or not we want to lump all surgical
8 and operative issues in with the device itself because
9 we ourselves have said that anterior chamber lenses
10 for pseudophakic correction are not a legitimate
11 comparison because of the differences in surgical
12 technique. These are sick eyes and they've had
13 previous surgeons.

14 DR. WEISS: Actually, since we're not -- I
15 just want to speak to the particular question so that
16 may --

17 DR. VAN METER: No.

18 DR. WEISS: Dr. Smith.

19 DR. SMITH: No.

20 DR. WEISS: Dr. Huang.

21 DR. HUANG: I don't know.

22 DR. WEISS: Is there anyone that requires

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1 any discussion on this point? I say this with great
2 hesitancy. Is there anyone who just requires some
3 discussion? Personally I think many of the points, if
4 not all the points that are relevant, have already
5 been elucidated. Okay.

6 Dr. Lepri, do you need anymore information
7 from the panel on Question No. 1?

8 DR. LEPRI: I would say no. That was
9 pretty clear cut to me.

10 DR. WEISS: We're trying. Question No. 2.
11 I think this way of going around the table does work
12 so we're going to try this another time. Question No.
13 2. "Do the other data, not the endothelial cell data
14 but everything else, presented in the PMA provide
15 reasonable assurance of safety?"

16 Dr. Schein.

17 DR. SCHEIN: No.

18 DR. WEISS: Dr. Bandeen-Roche.

19 DR. BANDEEN-ROCHE: No, and I would just
20 like to second Dr. Schein's concerns about having to
21 take into account time under observation for incidence
22 of events.

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1 DR. WEISS: Actually, from my elucidation,
2 I would -- you can contradict me if you like. Would
3 it be helpful to you if whoever -- if someone feels
4 that the other data do not provide reasonable
5 assurance safety, if they just specify what data they
6 are concerned about?

7 DR. LEPRI: Exactly. I was just going to
8 mention that to you. If you specify what in
9 particular made you make that decision, it would be
10 helpful to us.

11 DR. WEISS: So, Dr. Schein, you felt the
12 other data do not provide reasonable assurance of
13 safety. Can you just elucidate what your particular
14 concerns are?

15 DR. SCHEIN: Lens opacities, retinal
16 detachment. Need to move, reposition, or exchange the
17 implant.

18 DR. WEISS: Are you concerned that there's
19 a higher rate of retinal detachment with this lens
20 than the normal patient?

21 DR. SCHEIN: The concern is that the
22 procedure coupled with the device adds significant

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1 risk of retinal detachment compared to not having the
2 procedure or device.

3 DR. WEISS: Dr. Bandeen-Roche.

4 DR. BANDEEN-ROCHE: Yes. I would rely on
5 the clinical expertise to specify where there's a
6 concern. Then I just felt like the incidence rates
7 that we've been given are probably undercut because
8 they are not presented in a Kaplan-Meier or taking
9 into account time under observation.

10 DR. WEISS: So you had safety concerns
11 because the statistics as they were presented didn't
12 give you the information you wanted?

13 DR. BANDEEN-ROCHE: Yes, in combination
14 with the clinical concerns expressed by my colleagues.

15 DR. WEISS: Okay. Dr. McMahon.

16 DR. McMAHON: In the aggregate, no. If
17 you look at the complication or adverse event rate as
18 compiled by Dr. Schein and Dr. Macsai, the incidence
19 rate is too high. If you start talking about
20 individual rates, I have a hard time getting a handle
21 around it to know whether that is too high
22 individually or not.

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1 DR. WEISS: So, from what I understand
2 that you're saying, it's hard to answer this question
3 because you don't have the numbers that you want.

4 DR. McMAHON: Correct.

5 DR. WEISS: What numbers would you want
6 from sponsor? What would you like to look at which
7 would allow you to make that determination?

8 DR. McMAHON: I think the time dependent
9 issues that have already been raised are the ones that
10 I would be looking for.

11 DR. WEISS: Dr. Schein.

12 DR. SCHEIN: And the parsing of events and
13 complications from those with clinical significance
14 separated from those without.

15 DR. WEISS: So basically put all the
16 adverse events together and also put them in a format
17 so that it's per patient and not per eye.

18 DR. SCHEIN: Or both.

19 DR. WEISS: Both. Anything else in terms
20 of the statistical? Any other things that I have not
21 mentioned that you would want?

22 DR. SCHEIN: No. I think Dr. Bandeen-

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1 Roche emphasized we want the amount of time or
2 timeline.

3 DR. WEISS: We want a timeline. We want
4 binocular. We want monocular.

5 If you could just speak into the
6 microphone so we can hear. Could you just repeat that
7 so we can make sure we got it on the transcript.

8 DR. SCHEIN: I don't know how far back to
9 rewind.

10 DR. WEISS: Tell us your wish list.

11 DR. SCHEIN: Yes. I think most of it is
12 in the presentation I gave a few moments ago but it's
13 to look at adverse events as a group on an eye and
14 patient basis, adverse event being defined as
15 occurrences which have the potential to cause
16 significant harm or loss of vision and have those
17 separated from adverse events such as the need for
18 punctual occlusion, for example, which I do not feel
19 have major clinical significance to present each of
20 them on a per-eye and per-patient basis, and in a time
21 dependent fashion so that we can see whether the
22 likelihood of these complications, either individually

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1 or cumulatively, is increasing with time or
2 decreasing.

3 / DR. WEISS: This is more of a data
4 question as opposed to being convinced that aside from
5 endothelial cell data that there is a higher -- there
6 is no assurance of safety. In other words, if we had
7 the data right here and you looked at it, you might
8 have the possibility of saying that it's safe
9 excluding questions on the endothelial cell data.

10 DR. SCHEIN: If we analyses on the entire
11 cohort with a high or low-loss to follow-up at perhaps
12 a three-year period, and they, indeed, showed a
13 gradual decrement or lessening in adverse event rates,
14 I would feel a lot better.

15 DR. WEISS: Dr. McMahon, did you have
16 anything else to add?

17 DR. McMAHON: No.

18 DR. WEISS: Dr. Bradley.

19 DR. BRADLEY: I'm not sure. I'm still
20 listening.

21 DR. WEISS: Dr. Macsai.

22 DR. MACSAI: Well, I think Dr. Schein has

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1 very nicely summarized the issues for safety. But I
2 also -- maybe this is speaking to efficacy but since
3 the sponsor put outcomes of vision as part of safety,
4 I would like to see the data stratified by lens power.

5 We only saw it for Group AB and I would like to see
6 it for everyone else. I guess I would like to see
7 everyone all together all the time, not all these
8 groupings.

9 DR. WEISS: So what I'm continuing to hear
10 from members of the panel, again, aside from
11 endothelial cell data, is the need for reprocessing
12 the data looking at another way more information in
13 order to make a determination of whether it is safe or
14 not.

15 DR. McMAHON: Marian, are you looking for
16 preoperative MSRE or do you think there is something
17 specific relative to the implantable lens? They are
18 going to be linked but --

19 DR. MACSAI: I'm not sure but when we
20 looked at the stratified data that we got the day
21 before the package was sent out to the primary
22 reviewers and if you use 50 percent of eyes targeted

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